of infrastructure. There was no mention of Srinagar, Kargil and Leh.

Clearance to operate to the Defence-owned air-fields at Rajouri and Poonch is awaited. Srinagar and Leh are already airlinked by Indian Airlines services. Kargil is at an elevation of 9575 ft. and Vayudoot does not have suitable aircraft for operation to such high altitudes.

Unrecognised technical institutes in Delhi

278. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Board of Technical Education, Delhi during a recent inspection found that ninety per cent of the technical educational institutes being run in Delhi are unrecognised and are defrauding the student community;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted to know how such a large number of technical institutes have been allowed to thrive in Delhi; and

(d) if so, what is the result thereof and what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir, No such survey has been undertaken so far by the Board of Technical Education, Delhi.

(b) to (d) Question do not arise

UNESCO resolution for eradication of illiteracy

279. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of HUAMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a resolution has been adopted by the UNESCO sponsored Inter-National seminar recently held in Delhi to prepare a plan of action to help member states to eradicate illiteracy by the year 2000;

(b) whether Government have formulated any long-term plan to eradicate illiteracy from the country; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No such resolution has been adopted in the UNESCO sponsored Regional Training Workshop in Literacy held in New Delhi from 23rd October, 1985 to 4th November, 1985. The objective of the Workshop was to strengthen the training programmes of litracy personnel of the Member States.

(b) and (c) Government of India have accorded high priority to the Adult Education Programme which envisages removal of illiteracy in the age group 15—35 by 1990. In order to achieve the goal, a substantial step-up of Education Programme has been planned through the following on-going schemes:—

(i) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rural Functional Literacy Projects (RFLP);

(ii) Central Scheme of Assistance of Voluntary Agencies working in the field of adult education;

(iii) State Sector Scheme of State Adult Education Programme (SAEP);

(iv) Adult Education Programme by Universities and Colleges; and

(v) Adult Education through Shramik Vidyapeeths.

The Adult Education Programme has been reviewed in the context of formulation of New Education Policy. A draft of the New Education Policy will be placed before Parliament.